

SUBTITLE 2. ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITY PLANNING.

7-201. ELECTRIC COMPANIES — LONG-RANGE PLANS.

(A) COMMISSION TO ASSEMBLE AND EVALUATE PLANS ANNUALLY.

IN COOPERATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AS PROVIDED UNDER § 3-304 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE, THE COMMISSION SHALL ASSEMBLE AND EVALUATE ANNUALLY THE LONG-RANGE PLANS OF THE STATE'S ELECTRIC COMPANIES REGARDING GENERATING NEEDS AND THE MEANS TO MEET THOSE NEEDS.

(B) TEN-YEAR PLAN REQUIRED OF COMMISSION.

(1) ANNUALLY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION SHALL FORWARD TO THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES A 10-YEAR PLAN LISTING POSSIBLE AND PROPOSED SITES, INCLUDING THE ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION ROUTES, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRIC PLANTS WITHIN THE STATE.

(2) (I) THE CHAIRMAN SHALL DELETE FROM THE 10-YEAR PLAN ANY SITE THAT THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES IDENTIFIES AS UNSUITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 3-304 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE.

(II) THE CHAIRMAN MAY INCLUDE A SITE DELETED FROM A 10-YEAR PLAN UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IN A SUBSEQUENT 10-YEAR PLAN.

(3) THE CHAIRMAN SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION IN THE ANNUAL 10-YEAR PLAN ON CURRENT AND PROJECTED EFFORTS BY ELECTRIC COMPANIES AND THE COMMISSION TO MODERATE OVERALL ELECTRICAL GENERATION DEMAND AND PEAK DEMAND THROUGH THE ELECTRIC COMPANIES' PROMOTION OF ENERGY CONSERVATION BY CUSTOMERS AND THROUGH THE ELECTRIC COMPANIES' USE OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES, INCLUDING COGENERATION.

(C) COMMISSION TO EVALUATE ENERGY CONSERVATION INVESTMENT.

(1) THE COMMISSION SHALL EVALUATE THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INVESTMENTS BY ELECTRIC COMPANIES IN ENERGY CONSERVATION TO REDUCE ELECTRICAL DEMAND AND IN RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES TO HELP MEET ELECTRICAL DEMAND.

(2) THE EVALUATION OF INVESTMENTS SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) THE ELECTRIC COMPANIES' PROMOTION AND CONDUCT OF A BUILDING AUDIT AND WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM, INCLUDING LOW-INTEREST OR NO-INTEREST ELECTRIC COMPANY FINANCING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ENERGY CONSERVATION MATERIALS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVICES;

(II) UTILIZATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES;

(III) PROMOTION AND UTILIZATION OF ELECTRICITY FROM COGENERATION AND WASTES; AND